Slavery has come a long way. It’s not over, but it’s not how it use to be. In our History book it tells us that slaves received clothing allotment twice a year. They went barefoot during warm months and wore cheap shoes during the winter times.

Second Para.

During the interview of Charles Green he gave several facts of what happen in his life as a slave. The way he told his story in the interview gave you me an image in my mind of what he went through. Charles Green was born in Mason, Kentucky on May 3, 1859. Him, his siblings, and his mother all belonged to Oleman Wallingsord while his father belonged to Charles Dobbins. While being a slave him and his sisters and to clean around the house, but not too much since their mom did all the work. The children had to step up to do work once their mom died. Since they were slaves he said they had to “sleep on the kitchen floor in the winter times but on the front porch when it was warm outside.” He also said they “forced to go barefoot from March to November.” He said, “once his father died and the people they belonged to him and his siblings went to live with their half-brother.” Once Charles became an adult he got married had ten kids and five died. He didn’t learn how to read until after the war.

Slavery in Ohio was not in the best of shape for slaves. Some of them had to sleep on the kitchen floors when it was winter and on the porches when it was warm outside. Being with the warm weather it causes many diseases from mosquitoes. There was a very low birth weight and very low health. Sickle cell was also a big disease in the south. The children down south during slavery didn’t have a lot of clothing. They went naked during the warm weather in the year. The women had to change the color of their family clothes by dying them. Slaves received clothing twice a year. Relationship also happened during slavery with white men and black women. The white men would rape the black women but wouldn’t anything happen to them; it seemed to be okay during that time to rape a black women. Slavery was very hard.

Reading both of these it shows that it was a hard time for black people during slavery. These stories are similar to each other in a way that they’re both dealing with the slave life. The both provided information of how things were and things that people should just know period. The only differences is that when reading an interview from a former slave you just learn more, because that person is being more detailed and can make you visualize. A book just gives you the information with not so many details. The slave interview focused more on life, while the book focused on traditions and other topics.